

**Open Session Minutes
February 1, 2010**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday February 1, 2010 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS-Arnold Laramée**

OPEN FORUM

**Frank Callahan, President of Massachusetts Building Trades Council
~spoke to support having a Project Labor Agreement for the Rockland
School construction project.**

Andy Triantaffelow

**~Spoke to thank Chief Llewellyn and the Rockland Police Department
for their fine work, keeping the peace before last week's School Building
Committee's meeting.**

**~Addressed the Ken Karlson inquiry by Selectmen Zupkofska. He
described at length the issues and investigation. Mr. Triantaffelow said
the whole issue has been investigated by the Inspector General's office
and rectified. He invited Mr. Zupkofska and the other BOS members to
visit with the Conservation Committee if anyone has additional
questions.**

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**MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska, passed 4-
0-1(Simpson).**

20. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

**~Mr. Chiocca asked the BOS to approve the swap of Rockland's Fire Engine 2 which does not pass inspection with the Town of Whitman's old Engine which does pass inspection and is now at Chuckran's Auto Parts. Mr. Chiocca emphasized this is a stop gap measure.
MOTION to authorized Chief DiPoli to swap engines by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.**

~Reminded Town Boards, Committees, Organizations and Commissions reports are due for inclusion in the Annual Town Report.

**~Rockland Garden Club is requested use of the Town Hall Plaza on Saturday May 22, 2010 for their annual plant sale.
MOTION to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.**

**~Best Buddies Challenge: Benefit Bicycle Ride requested permission to pass through some Rockland Streets in the 228/Pond St. area on Saturday June 5, 2010.
MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.**

~Announce H1N1 flu vaccination clinic to be held at the Library on February 8, 2010. Pre-registration required.

~Announced the Rockland Public Library would be hosting a free Interviewing Tactics and Motivational Workshop on February 10, 2010

~Announced the Council on Aging has received a Formula Grant for \$20,706 to be used for an outreach worker and towards newsletter, etc.

~Mr. Chiocca informed BOS he would be asking to open the Warrant for Special Town Meeting and Town Meeting at the next BOS meeting. Warrant would be open from February 16 to March 12 for the May 3, 2010 Annual Town meeting.

~Mr. Chiocca announced that BAT Bus would begin providing service to Rockland on February 16, 2010. Pamphlets will be available on Monday February 8, 2010. We have requested a stop at the "T" station in Abington.

Chairman Simpson and Ms. O'Brien have contacted Senator Morrissey and State Representative Nyman asking to improve the facility at the

Abington Station to provide better shelter for persons waiting at the stop.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Simpson read the following statement:

“Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.”

Ms. O'Brien

~Asked for letters in support of Rockland's CDBG grant request.

Mr. Johnson

~Mentioned the Elementary Schools PAC fundraiser “The Brain Show” to be held to support the schools.

Mr. Zupkofska

~Addressed Mr. Triantaffelow's remarks concerning Mr. Karlson. Mr. Zupkofska feels the matter needs additional scrutiny.

~ Discussed the School Building Committee meeting to review the pro and cons Project Labor Agreements.

MOTION to have BOS send a recommendation to the School Building Committee not to adopt a PLA or any other restrictive policy such as a residency requirement, no 2nd.

~Mentioned an article in a Florida publication news regarding LNR.

~Mentioned a Gas Contract signed by Mr. Chiocca and felt it should have been a BOS decision.

Mr. Chaffee

~Discussed the Ken Karlson issue.

~Expressed condolences to the family of Arnold Laramee

~Mentioned upcoming School Building Committee meeting

Chairman Simpson

~Spoke regarding the Chamber of Commerce breakfast and the changing perception of Rockland for the better.

~Stated the Ken Karlson issue has been fully investigated by the State and if Mr. Zupkofska wants information from the Conservation Committee he should go and visit them.

~Spoke to say the School Building Committee has been together for over five years and they will make the PLA decision. He wants everyone working on the school project site to have a CORI check.

~Enjoyed the Eagles chowder/chili competition, and thanked the Eagles for their continued generosity to many causes.

~Mentioned the Senior Citizens line dancing class over the weekend.

~Informed the town LNR has paid their property tax payment to Southfield, and that LNR is remaining committed to the development.

31. Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Issue

~Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining issue by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed by Roll Call vote 5-0.

Meeting went in to Executive Session at 7:50PM

**Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator**

**Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman
for Board of Selectmen**

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